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FEATURED SPEAKER AT FIRST RABAT MEETING OF MOROCCAN-AMERI-
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MOROCCAN SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT TAIB BEN
CHEIKH WAS THE FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE FIRST LUNCHEON MEETING OF
THE MOROCCAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BE HELD IN THE CAPITAL
CITY, RABAT, TODAY, APRIL 18.

THE SECRETARY ENCOURAGED FOREIGN INVESTORS TO CONSIDER DIVER-
SIFYING THEIR PROJECTS AND ESTABLISHING THEM IN LESS DEVELOPED
REGIONS OF MOROCCO. THE MOROCCAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS
A CASABLANCA-BASED PRIVATE ASSOCIATION OF MOROCCAN AND AMERICAN
BUSINESSMEN DEDICATED TO FURTHERING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELA-
TIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

BY HOLDING THE LUNCHEON IN THE POLITICAL CAPITAL OF MOROCCO
RATHER THAN IN CASABLANCA, THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CAPITAL,
THE CHAMBER EXPRESSED ITS DETERMINATION TO EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES.

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AMONG THE GUESTS WERE VICE GOVERNOR OF THE CENTRAL BANK OF MOROCCO,
MR. AHMED BENNANI; PLANNING MINISTER CABINET DIRECTOR OMAR ALAOUI;
FINANCE DIRECTOR OF THE MOROCCAN PHOSPHATE OFFICE, AZZEDINE
GUESSOUS; THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO MOROCCO, MR. ROBERT ANDERSON;
AND MR. HENRY BATCHELDER, PRESIDENT OF THE MOROCCAN-AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
SECRETARY OF STATE BEN CHEIGH, SPEAKING ON THE MOROCCAN

1978-1982 DEVELOPMENT PLAN, OF WHICH HE IS THE CHIEF ARCHITECT, STRESSED THAT THE NEW PLAN, WHILE CAHRACTERIZED BY GREAT CONTINUITY, WAS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE GREATER EMPLOYMENT AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT. IT WILL BE A PLAN WITH A SOCIAL CONSCIENCE, HE NOTED, IN WHICH HUMAN NEEDS WOULD BE EMPHASIZED AS MUCH AS RETURNS ON INVESTMENT. THIS MEANS THAT POSITIVE INCENTIVES WILL BE OFFERED TO INVESTORS WHO ESTABLISH THEIR PROJECTS OUTSIDE OF THE OVERDEVELOPED CASABLANCA AREA.

THIS WILL REQUIRE SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAMS TO CREATE NEW MANPOWER POOLS TO PROVIDE LABOR FOR THE NEW, DECENTRALIZED ENTERPRISES. TO THIS END, GREATER RESOURCES WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN CENTERS OUTSIDE OF CASABLANCA, TO PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES, AND TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY FACULTIES IN VARIOUS CITIES IN MOROCCO. IN SHORT, HE CONCLUDED, "WE INTEND TO BRING THE CITY TO THE COUNTRY," IN ORDER TO STEM THE RURAL EXODUS AND ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEMS OF RURAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT. AT THE END OF THE LUNCHEON, A NUMBER OF THE GUESTS STAYED ON AND ORGANIZED A CHAPTER OF THE MOROCCAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE CAPITAL CITY.ITEM.RENTSCHLER

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